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SUBJECT: GOJ DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

1. EMBASSY NOTES THAT IN STATEMENT PREPARED FOR DELIVERY MARCH 26 BY SECRETARY RICHARDSON TO SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON DOD APPROPRIATIONS, SECRETARY RICHARDSON' S TEXT CITES WITH APPROVAL THAT OUR NATO ALLIES " HAVE MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THEIR OWN FORCES, INCREASING THEIR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES BY 30 PERCENT IN THE PERIOD 1970-1973..." QUOTED PORTION OF STATEMENT OCCURRED IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION OF EFFORTS MADE BY BOTH ASIAN AND EUROPEAN ALLIES OF U. S.

2. IN LIGHT OF SECRETARY RICHARDSON' S TEXT AND OTHER REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO USG OFFICIALS THAT JAPAN MAY NOT HAVE BEEN DOING ENOUGH TO PROVIDE FOR HER OWN DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT MAY BE INTERESTED TO NOTE THAT IN JAPANESE FISCAL YEARS 1969-1972 ( CLOSEST AVAILABLE APPROXIMATION TO PERIOD CITED BY SECRETARY RICHARDSON WITH REFERENCE TO NATO ALLIES) GOJ DEFENSE EXPENDITURE INCREASED FROM 494.9 BILLION YEN IN FY 1969 TO 821.4 BILLION YEN IN FY 1972, FOR A 66 PERCENT INCREASE DURING THAT PERIOD. EMBASSY  
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CONSIDERS THAT GOJ EFFORT RESPECTING PER CENTAGE INCREASE  
OF ITS OWN DEFENSE EFFORT COMPARES QUITE FAVORABLY TO THAT  
MADE BY OUR NATO ALLIES AND RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT SEEK  
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THAT FACT.

DECONTROL MARCH 31, 1975.  
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